REMARKS

The Office Action dated 11 February 2005 has been reviewed, and the comments of the Patent Office considered. Claims 1-13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 14-19 remain as originally filed. Claims 14-19 are respectfully submitted for reconsideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 14-19 are allowed.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,648,249 to Dallmeyer. However, claims 1-13 were canceled by the Preliminary Amendment filed 22 August 2004. As such, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection was issued in error, and the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and timely allowance of pending claims 14-19 is respectfully requested.
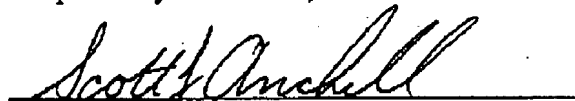
Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of the application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-1641. **This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).**

Respectfully submitted,

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